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As community service this year and in the spirit of CYAC, I volunteered to help a church prepare and serve a Thanksgiving Day meal. I unexpectedly ended up on pie making duty the first day as part of food preparation. I spent five hours making pies that day! Totally out of my usual character, I learned to make quite pretty pie crust edges! I learned a lot from this experience besides how to bake a pie. I enjoyed the camaraderie and the realization that people were enjoying the pies I baked. Day two was also unexpected as I ended up on the food server line serving green beans. I learned there is an art to being a food server and a coordinated effort is needed by all to make the process run smoothly. At the end of the day, it feels good knowing that you have made a difference in so many people's lives, at least for a day. The process of working together with other volunteers is a bonding process from all working cohesively in a wonderful environment for a common cause and opens the door to new friendships and understandings. There is definitely a feeling of contentment after a couple of days like this just knowing that you made a difference to somebody and made their day a little brighter!

—Luke Emigh.

HONORING DR. T. MARSHALL JONES

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a gentleman, a scholar, a master musician, a teacher, a community leader, a mentor, a family man, a man of God, and my friend of long standing, Dr. T. Marshall Jones. His life is an example of how one person can make a difference when carrying out God's purpose for his life.

Dr. Jones grew up in rural Virginia where his visually impaired uncle introduced him to music at age five. While other students his age were engaged in athletic endeavors, Dr. Jones was quenching his thirst for music—as a child he would often ride three miles to his piano lessons.

Dr. Jones graduated from Virginia State University and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is a U.S. Army Veteran, serving for two years as a member of the

284th Army and 74th Army bands. Dr. Jones served as a band director at Lapeer State Training School in Lapeer, Michigan. His association with Albany State College, now University, began in 1963 as the director of bands. He took a leave of absence from teaching in 1972 to earn his doctorate of music education degree from the Oklahoma School of Music.

After his return, he was named acting chair of the music department. In 1980, when the music, art, speech and theatre departments combined to form the Department of Fine Arts, Dr. Jones was named the first chairman. After 33 years at his beloved Albany State University, Dr. Jones retired. But the fire for teaching still burned in his heart, so he stayed on for 14 more years as an adjunct professor, retiring in May of 2010.

There is no doubt that Dr. Jones loves music, but more importantly, he loves people. It has been said that, "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Not only has Dr. Jones paid his rent in the field of music, but he has also paid his tireless service to the community. He is a dedicated member of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, where he plays a key role in the music ministry. He is a member of the Gamma Omicron Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. where he plays a leading role in the fraternity's mentoring efforts that have reached the lives of thousands of young men.

Because of his efforts in music and other endeavors, Albany State University dedicated their 2010/2011 Fine Arts Lyceum and Performing Arts Series in his honor—an honor that was well earned, and well deserved.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot think of another person who has done more for the arts in Southwest Georgia than Dr. T. Marshall Jones. But, his accolades do not belong to him alone. If not for the dedicated love of his wife, Mary and his family, he would not have been able to bless us abundantly with his love for music and people. To God be the glory for blessing us with a man as talented as Dr. T. Marshall Jones.

IN SUPPORT OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit a letter from a broad array of private sector organizations, in support of the Corporation for National and Community Service. The letter, which expresses opposition to efforts to reduce or eliminate federal funding for the Corporation, outlines the importance of federal funds, which drive private investment through matching programs.

The Corporation for National and Community Service affects communities in all 50 states, and provides opportunities for Americans of all ages.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the following letter, signed by 212 of America's foremost business leaders, on the importance of funding the Corporation for National and Community Service.

SAVE SERVICE IN AMERICA

DEAR MAJORITY LEADER REID AND SPEAKER BOEHNER: We are writing to urge you to op-

pose any proposal that would eliminate or reduce the fiscal year 2011 funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service and the programs it funds, including Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, RSVP, Learn and Serve America, VISTA, the National Civilian Community Corps, the Volunteer Generation Fund, the Social Innovation Fund and AmeriCorps.

Local service programs create meaningful opportunities for Americans hard-hit by the downturn, teaching marketable skills and putting workers on a path to economic self-sufficiency. Elimination of these programs would result in the loss of nearly 150,000 jobs and nearly 5 million volunteer positions that provide critical services and improve the lives of people in communities across America.

Funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service provides critically needed, and highly leveraged, support for programs that are making a major difference in communities across the country, including Big Brothers Big Sisters, Citizen Schools, City Year, Habitat for Humanity, Jumpstart, YouthBuild, and Teach for America, as well as literally thousands of other local shelters, faith-based organizations, senior homes and schools.

These programs are a model of government investment at its best—each program re-compete for funding annually, and only the best are invested in. Local leaders choose which service programs are needed in their community and secure matching funds. This is not "top down" government, but bottom-up, community leadership and investment. These programs are getting results—they are managed like businesses, and are held accountable to impact goals and results.

As private sector leaders, our companies, and many of us as private citizens, have been investing matching dollars into these programs for nearly two decades—in fact this year alone, the private sector will invest more than \$800 million in private matching funding in local, community based programs supported by the Corporation for National and Community Service. That figure represents nearly a one-to-one match of every dollar the federal government invests. The private sector also helps to power these community solutions by providing these worthy programs with millions of volunteer hours. National service is an extraordinary catalyst and force-multiplier for community volunteering—one study has shown that every AmeriCorps member helps to generate more than 30 additional volunteers.

The private sector, however, cannot do it alone. We require the investment of the federal government, and we will continue to do our part. Together, we are tackling the most pressing problems of our society at the local level: helping to close the education achievement gap, helping seniors remain independent, promoting public health to control the cost of healthcare, moving families out of substandard housing and saving our precious environmental resources. All of this is done, with citizens leading the way with a "can do" American spirit that we are proud to support.

The elimination or reduction in funding of the Corporation for National and Community Service and its programs would put this bi-partisan, public-private achievement in grave jeopardy.

We know that you are faced with difficult budget decisions, but we encourage you to keep investing our taxpayer dollars where the return is so high. We believe cost-effective, efficient, citizen-centered initiatives will provide common sense solutions to the challenges facing communities and citizens across the country.

We cannot turn our back on the enormous contributions and long record of success of

the Corporation for National and Community Service and its local programs. At a time when Americans face mounting challenges, made even more difficult by the struggling economy, it is vital that Congress stand firm in support of the programs that bring citizens together and marshal their ingenuity to address critical problems and create opportunities for our nation.

Thank you for your leadership and support.
Sincerely,

James Adler, Attorney, AdlerADR; Vijay Advani, Executive Vice President, Franklin Templeton Investments; Darren Aitken, Partner, Aitken*Aitken*Cohn; Wylie Aitken, Founding Partner, Aitken*Aitken*Cohn; Michelle AlDinar, President/CEO, Educational Television Programs, LLC; Michael Alter, President, The Alter Group; Anthony H. Anikeeff, Partner, Williams Mullen PC; Barbara Arnwine, President and Executive Director, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; William S. Ayer, Chairman, President and CEO, Alaska Airlines; Donald A. Baer, Worldwide Vice Chairman and Chief Strategy Officer, Burson-Marsteller; Ryan K. Bailer, Owner, Burson-Marsteller; Ryan K. Bailer, Owner, Ryan Bailer Support, LLC; Stephen Baker, President, Baker Design Group, Inc.; John M. Ballengee, President, United Way of Central West Virginia.

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RECOGNIZING THE 2010–2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—KAI FUJISAKA

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council, CYAC, from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the Third District's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway,

Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

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A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

I am very grateful for the chance to work with the Younger Generation Chorus of Plano over the past few months. I am always amazed at how wonderful they sound, especially given their very young age. They have taught me that age does not always dictate ability. Most of these choristers are not even in high school yet and they have performed all over the country. They have also taught me that once a talent has been discovered, it should be developed, though not at the expense of searching for one's other talents. I know that many of the choristers have other extra-curricular activities that occupy them and that they excel in those areas as well. The most memorable moment I had with the choir was the Christmas concert that was held on December 10, 2010. The work of these talented youth was technically astounding and spiritually moving. These students would not only sing the music or even perform the music; they would feel the music and give it life so that the audience could feel it as well. As a performer, that is not always easy to do. For these children to be able to do it so beautifully and consistently is astounding. It was an honor to be part of making it happen

—Kai Fujisaka.

RECOGNIZING MALCOLM REBENNACK (DR. JOHN)

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man known to his parents as Malcolm Rebennack, but known to the music lovers throughout the world as Dr. John.

At age of 70, after 43 years of sharing his musical talents, this native New Orleanian is now a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee. In the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame he joins notable New Orleanians such as Fats Domino, Dave Bartholomew, Allen Toussaint, Mahalia Jackson, Louis Armstrong, Professor Longhair, Jelly Roll Morton, Lloyd Price, and Earl Palmer.

Over the years Dr. John has brought us remarkable recordings such as Dr. John's Gumbo, In the Right Place, Desitively Bonnaroo which inspired Tennessee's Bonnaroo Music Festival, Goin' Back to New Orleans, Mercenary, In a Sentimental Mood, N'Awlinz Dis Oat or D'Udda and his Grammy Award winning City That Care Forgot. He was most recently featured on the Disney soundtrack for The Princess and the Frog and can be heard crooning the lyrics of Down in New Orleans.

As a songwriter, musician and singer, Dr. John has played in venues throughout the United States and Europe alongside musical icons like Eric Clapton, Harold Battiste, The Meters, Alice Cooper and many others.

I applaud Dr. John for his induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and wish him well.

RECOGNIZING WILMA BUFFINGTON BEDELL BALL

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding citizen of my district. Wilma Buffington Bedell Ball is a cherished resident of Van Buren, Missouri and the State of Missouri. She was born in Great Falls, Montana, on January 5, 1917, and moved to Missouri where she grew up on a farm between Van Buren and Doniphan, Missouri along the Current River.

After her education in a one-room schoolhouse in the Ozarks and graduation from Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, she returned and taught students in that same one-room schoolhouse for three years. After some time away from Missouri, Wilma and her husband, Kelly Ball, returned to Southeast Missouri where she served in the Poplar Bluff School System from 1962 to 1969. There, she discovered her true calling of caring for Missouri's senior citizens. She became a licensed nursing home administrator in 1969 and served as administrator for the Clarks Mountain Nursing Home in Piedmont until 1985. Then, she began working at the Riverways Manor in Van Buren where she still works full-time today. At 94 she is the oldest active nursing home administrator in the United States.

Wilma serves our community not only at work, she goes above and beyond through her affiliations with the Methodist Church, Women's Society of Christian Service, Business and Professional Women's Club, Missouri State Teachers Association, and the Missouri Healthcare Association. Even with all of these activities in her life, her number one priority is her family. She has four sons and daughters-in-law, ten grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren. Wilma Buffington Bedell Ball embodies what it means to be a great southeast Missourian. Today we recognize her for her service to our community.